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1. ALTHOUGH AL-HAMDI CONTINUES TO BE FRUSTRATED BY ACTIONS OF RECALCITRANT NORTHERN TRIBAL LEADERS, WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT OUT OF THIS FRUSTRATION HE IS "TURNING TO THE LEFT". THERE ARE REPORTS THAT AL-HAMDI MAINTAINS HIS CONTACTS WITH LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY BOTH AS A WAY OF KEEPING TABS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PROTECTING HIS LEFT FLANK. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT

DESPITE HIS TRIBAL DIFFICULTIES HE WOULD GIVE "COMMUNIST ORIENTED INDIVIDUALS AND OR GROUPS GREATER SCOPE AND FREEDOM IN THEIR ACTIVITIES ON THE LOCAL SCENE". ALL OF AL-HAMDI'S MOVES OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS POINT TO A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD, PRAGMATIC POLICY BASED ON CLOSE COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND SUDAN. THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF A PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURE AL-HAJRI WITH PROBABLE PDRY INVOLVEMENT HAS FURTHER INCREASED AL-HAMDI'S WARINESS OF TOO CLOSE DEALINGS WITH LEFTISTS WHO, HE KNOWS FULL WELL, REGARD HIM AND HIS REGIME AS BOURGEOIS CLIENTS OF THE SAUDIS.

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2. THE ABOVE DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEFT, SUCH AS IT IS IN YEMEN, HAS CEASED ITS BEHIND-THE-SCENES MACHINATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP ITSELF ALIVE AT A TIME WHEN THE COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING A REAL ECONOMIC BOOM AND WHEN FEW YEMENIS ARE BEING ATTRACTED TO THE EXTREMIST SOLUTIONS BEING PROPOSED BY THE LEFT FOR YEMEN'S

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